

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant provisionally elects to prosecute Group II, claims 14-26. Nevertheless, Applicants respectfully traverse the requirement.

As justification, the restriction requirement states that the Group I method can be practiced by an apparatus other than Group II that provides a recommended route from a traffic management center. However, claim 14, representative of Group II, calls for a navigation system includes a processor-based subsystem that determines and renders a GUI screen with a previous or subsequent route segment that does not include the present position of the vehicle. As such, the navigation system necessarily carries out the method of Group I in rendering GUI screens of a previous or subsequent route segment. It is also asserted that the Group III product can be used in the process of detecting route deviation. However, this speculation as to additional features does not give full weight to the claim language as to the display of route segments. Rather, even a causal read of these claims reveals that the navigation system of Group II must necessarily carry out the method of Group I and use the medium of Group III. Thus, the claims of the Groups are merely different aspects of but a single invention.

It is noted that the claims of all Groups have already undergone thorough search and examination. Efficiency, both on the part of Applicants, and also on the part of the Patent Office, mandates that, where the claims have common distinctive features such as here, all claims should be examined together. The Restriction Requirement unduly burdens Applicants by requiring them to file and prosecute multiple applications, and pay

fees and maintain multiple patents, to obtain the patent protection to which they are entitled.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the Restriction Requirement be withdrawn, and that all claims of Groups I, II and III be considered in the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 50-0831.

Respectfully submitted,

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